

Our next meeting is Sep 21

Minutes from Brentwood Village Improvement District meeting 8/31/16 at 10:30 am at Piccolo Verde

Present were: Bob Jensen, Julianna Friedman, Marcie Polier, Ray Taylor, Steve McClintock, Tim Byk, Tim Byrne, Clyde and Charlie Augustson, Rob Lassoﬀ. Proxies were given by David Ondaatje and Rea and Morani Stelmach.

The meeting was brought to order. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were circulated and approved.

There were no public comments.

Julianna introduced Dave Swartz, a financial professional, who reported on and explained the details of the IRS penalties and accounting fees. He reported on the financial statements filed with the city that need to be recalled, and on the prohibition of using Mr. Kallman's accounting firm as the BID's accountant when monies were owed to him from the BID. This compromised his independent status rendering him ineligible to perform ongoing services to the BID.

Tim explained personal complications that prevented him from being aware of the penalties. He asked for a motion to allow himself and Mr. Kallman to go to the IRS to appeal. Discussion followed. The motion was tabled to move on to Other Matters.

Marcie Polier presented a unanimous recommendation from the board to dissolve the bid.

Discussion proceeded. The board recommended an alternative Chamber member category for building owners set at a level that was not to exceed each member's current BID payment.

Tim Byrne expressed a desire to function as a BID to promote our area and ultimately create an environment for higher rents and better business. The board unanimously believes this cannot happen through the BID but will happen through the Chamber. Other suggestions included Tim Byrne's explanation that the only way to make this work is to link landlord Chamber Membership to parking discounts. Tenants will not be eligible for parking discounts unless landlords pay their membership dues and further that Richard Scott, a local business owner should also be encouraged to become a Chamber Member. Rob Lassoﬀ suggested we limit our lighting commitments to trees only.

Discussion reverted back to Tim Byk. With the assurance that he would have plenty of time to go to IRS appeals board with Mr. Kallman to discuss the penalty situation Tim announced, "If we can't get it resolved, Andrew and I will deal with it." Tim requested that Mr. Kallman be given power of attorney to represent him with the IRS. The group agreed provided the power was limited to this issue only.

A motion was made and seconded to Explore BID Dissolution. It passed unanimously of those present with proxies from the Stelmach Family and David Ondaatje. The total percentage ownership represented was over 60%.

The next course of action will be to explore dissolution with the City including a review of BID law and bylaws as they apply to our budget and disbursement of funds. We will explore a new Chamber relationship. If the Chamber is opposed to taking on these few additional services to administer, the building owners will suggest a scenario so they can be handled as ongoing community services.

The services to be continued will include landscaping, power washing, trash pick up, tree lights and fountain maintenance.

A comprehensive plan including budgets will be circulated via email and a new meeting date will be set to further explore dissolution.